

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner contends that the examples show results which are not unexpected or mentioned in the scope of the claimed invention. The examples were done to point out that the physical mixture of polyamine surfactant with linear alkybenzene sulfonic acid present in many detergent formulations and cited by the Examiner is different from a molecule from a specific process disclosed by the applicants which results in polyanionic surfactant. These are two different entities. In any event, applicants are grateful to the Examiner for withdrawing the rejection over WO '334.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered as it places the application in a better form for allowance or appeal. Specifically, the subject matter of claim 5 which was not rejected over JP '483 or Vander Meer has been incorporated into claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment renders the rejections moot.

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the present application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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